

**Table 2. Chemical Agent Multi Media/Toxicity Exposure Standards and Guidelines Summary Table: Existing Values as of **Mar 2006** ; POC V. Hauschild 410-436-1010**

| Media  | Standard Name  | Population  | Exposure Scenario   | H/HD/HT (Mustard)                   | GA (Tabun)                        | GB (Sarin)               | GD/GF                     | VX                         | Lewisite                | NOTES/Status   |
|--|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| WATER  | FDWS (Field Drinking Water Standards) ug/L   | Designed for military *but can have civilian applications | safe for for up to 7 days:  | <del>200</del>                      | <del>20</del>                     | <del>20</del>            | <del>20</del>             | <del>20</del>              | <del>200</del>          | Old value officially superceded, new version TBMed577 published Dec 2005 (ref a)<br><br>cites new values which have been endorsed by DoD (see ref b)<br><br>* See note below (next page)   |
|  |  |   | Normal/humid climate: 5 L/day   | (140) <sup>ab</sup>                 | (12* <sup>ab</sup> )              | (12* <sup>ab</sup> )     | (12* <sup>ab</sup> )      | (12* <sup>ab</sup> )       | (80) <sup>ab</sup>      |  |
|  |  |   | Dry climate: 15 L/day   | (47) <sup>ab</sup>                  | (4* <sup>ab</sup> )               | (4* <sup>ab</sup> )      | (4* <sup>ab</sup> )       | (4* <sup>ab</sup> )        | (27) <sup>ab</sup>      |  |
| SOIL (Health-Based Environmental Screening Levels (HBESL) (mg/kg)          | HBESL-Residential  | General population: adults and children                   | daily exposure, lifetime  | 0.01 <sup>c,d,e</sup>               | 2.8 <sup>c,d,e</sup>              | 1.3 <sup>c,d,e</sup>     | 0.22 <sup>c,d,e</sup>     | 0.042 <sup>c,d,e</sup>     | 0.3 <sup>c,d,e</sup>    | HBESLs endorsed by headquarters Army (ESOH) in May 99 (ref c) were derived (by Army, ref d) using chronic toxicity criteria below with risk assessment model and assumptions like that used by EPA Reg IX to develop soil 'preliminary remediation goals (PRGs). These are conservative screening criteria for assessing potential long term human exposure/contact with soil contaminated from (liquid) agent (ambient vapor alone is not expected to result in deposition or soil contamination). Also identified as criteria to determine public release of decontaminated contaminated items/property (ref e). Note that many agent-certified laboratories may not be able to achieve these levels. Also note that were there is potential HD or VX soil contamination, breakdown products may also warrant evaluation (see ref d, App F & ref f). |
|  | HBESL-Industrial   | General adult population                                  | frequent exposures 250 days/ yr. for 30 years   | 0.3 <sup>c,d</sup>                  | 68 <sup>c,d</sup>                 | 32 <sup>c,d</sup>        | 5.2 <sup>c,d</sup>        | 1.1 <sup>c,d</sup>         | 3.7 <sup>c,d</sup>      |  |
| WASTE  | HWCL <sub>sol</sub> <sup>e</sup> (solid hazardous waste control limit) (mg/kg)                         | worker civilian/ DoD                                      | possible occasional exposure at HW treatment facility                                     | 6.7 <sup>g,h</sup>                  | 680 <sup>g,h</sup>                | 320 <sup>g,h</sup>       | 52 <sup>g,h</sup>         | 10 <sup>g,h</sup>          | 37 <sup>g,h</sup>       | Were derived (by Army – ref g,h) using the chronic toxicity criteria below with a risk assessment model similar to that used by EPA Region IX with assumptions denoting specific exposure scenarios associated with waste materials and workers potentially exposed to them (assumes exposures to the general public are controlled). Values were initially documented in a Department of Army proposed hazardous waste management rule presented to the State of Utah (ref h) and later in a Oct 2000 CHPPM memo to PMCD (ref g) Values were not officially endorsed by Utah but as of June 2004 were endorsed in DA policy (ref e) for site-specific consideration/use.  |
|  | HWCL <sub>Liq</sub> <sup>e</sup> (liquid hazardous waste control limit) (mg/L)                         | worker civilian/ DoD                                      | possible occasional exposure at HW treatment facility                                     | 0.7 <sup>g,h</sup>                  | 20 <sup>g,h</sup>                 | 8.3 <sup>g,h</sup>       | 0.3 <sup>g,h</sup>        | 0.08 <sup>g,h</sup>        | 3.3 <sup>g,h</sup>      |  |
|  | NHWCL <sup>e</sup> (non-hazardous waste control limit (haz waste exemption level) <sup>f</sup> (mg/kg) | worker civilian/ DoD                                      | at a non-HW land disposal facility, possible occasional exposures                         | 0.3 <sup>g,h,e</sup>                | 68 <sup>g,h,e</sup>               | 32 <sup>g,h,e</sup>      | 5.2 <sup>g,h,e</sup>      | 1.1 <sup>g,h,e</sup>       | 3.7 <sup>g,h,e</sup>    |  |
| Chronic Toxicity Reference Criteria (used in risk assessment calculations) | RfD (Reference Dose) (mg/kg/day)   | General population: adults and children                   | chronic (lifetime) ingested dose at or below which no adverse health effects are expected | 0.000007 <sup>i,j,k</sup>           | 0.00004 <sup>i,j,k</sup>          | 0.00002 <sup>i,j,k</sup> | 0.000004 <sup>i,j,k</sup> | 0.0000006 <sup>i,j,k</sup> | 0.0001 <sup>i,j,k</sup> | - NRC/COT (ref i, 1999) gave general endorsement of values; addressed in Final DA OTSG endorsement letter of final RfDs (Feb 2000, ref j), most current documentation of basis and overall status of these values is in peer reviewed article: Opresko, et al (ref k)  |
|  | Cancer Slope Factor) (mg/kg/day) <sup>-1</sup>   | General population: adults and children                   | represents the potency of the agent by ingestion to cause increased cancer risk.          | 7.7 <sup>l,j,k</sup>                | Not determined to be a carcinogen |                          |                           |                            |                         | -The NRC/COT ref i, 1999 endorsed a less conservative HD Slope Factor of [1.6 mg/kg/day) <sup>-1</sup> ]; DA OTSG (Feb 00) has currently endorsed use of the 7.7; ref j, ref k   |
|  | Inhalation Unit Risk) (ug/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>-1</sup>   | General population: adults and children                   | represents the potency of the agent by inhalation to cause increased cancer risk          | 4.1 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> <sup>l</sup> |                                   |                          |                           |                            |                         | See Table 20 HD HCD, Nov 00 ref l  |

**Table 2. Chemical Agent Multi Media/Toxicity Standards Status Table: Existing and proposed criteria as of Mar 2006 POC: V. Hauschild, USACHPPM, 410-436-1010**

**NOTES:**

**HIGHLIGHTED information indicate noteworthy change/addition from previous version of this Table (other non-substantial clarifying edits not highlighted)**

( ) Numbers in parentheses are from draft documents

**GREEN** Numbers in Green are currently documented in official Army regulation/policy/or through DA Headquarter endorsement

**BLUE** Numbers have been developed/endorsed by non-DoD federal proponents for Army and non-Army use

**RED** Numbers are still officially used/endorsed by Army/other approving entity source **but** revisions are proposed/underway

**BLACK** Numbers black are final technical values but are not officially approved for implementation through a proponent agency

\* Application of Drinking water criteria. It is noted that contamination of large water supplies with warfare agents is relatively unlikely due to effects of hydrolysis, dilution, and the neutralizing effects of common water treatment processes \*e.g. chlorine). These values were designed for a military scenario, in which smaller containerized water supplies directly used for consumption might be intentionally contaminated with significant amounts of agent. Theoretically this situation could result in residual agent levels of concern for several days. The values here assume up to 7 days exposure at 5-15 liters/day consumption – which is an extremely high rate of drinking based on hot environments and high physical activity. So though these drinking water values were not originally developed for a general population application, they would be appropriate screening levels for even civilian applications where ingestion rates range from 1-2 liters/day and where most releases to a water supplies would involve the hydrolysis, dilution, and treatment processes

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d) USACHPPM/ORNL Technical Report: *Health-Based Environmental Screening Levels for Chemical Warfare Agents*, , March 99.

e) Department of the Army, Memorandum Subject: *Implementation Guidance Policy for New Airborne Exposure Limits for GB, GA, GD, GF, VX, H, HD, and HT*; signed by Mr. Raymond J. Fatz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health); OASA(I&E), **June 18 2004**.

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i) *Review of the U.S. Army’s Health Risk Assessments for Oral Exposure to Six Chemical-Warfare Agents*, National Research Council, National Academy Press, WashDC, 1999; [www.nap.edu](http://www.nap.edu)

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